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**JANUARY
1969**

PART THREE

YOU DON'T KEEP
PROMISES.

THAT'S THE BEST
I CAN DO.

THEN HE WALKED OUT.

ART: GERRY MOONEY

STORY: ANONYMOUS

I WAS EXPECTING ONE LAST
CHANCE TO MAKE A CASE,
BUT HE DIDN'T COME BACK
THAT NIGHT.

OR THE NEXT.

I CALLED MY BEST FRIEND
ANITA ON THE THIRD DAY
BECAUSE I WAS OUT OF
FOOD.

SHE OFFERED TO
BRING ME A SANDWICH
ON HER LUNCH HOUR.

I NEEDED TO TALK TO
SOMEONE AND I TRUST
ANITA.

SHE SHOWED UP
WITH A CHEESEBURGER
AND A BOX FROM
DUNKIN' DONUTS.

EAT FIRST,
THEN TALK!

SHE WAS SHOCKED AT MY SITUATION,
BUT SHE CALLED ME ON THE CARPET
FOR MY PART IN IT.



HE'S NOT YOUR
TYPE AT ALL! I
ALWAYS WONDERED
WHAT ATTRACTED
YOU TO HIM!

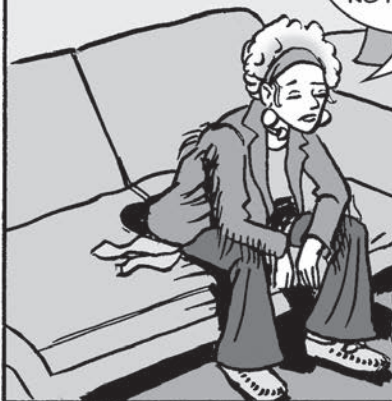
I FELT SORRY FOR HIM AT
WORK! MOPING AROUND,
CRYING IN SECRET...HIS WIFE
WAS MAKING HIM MISERABLE!

I GUESS I
WAS JUST
TRYING TO
CHEER HIM UP
AT FIRST...

SEX WILL
DEFINITELY
CHEER A
MAN UP!



OKAY, SO HE STARTED OUT AS A
MERCY-FUCK AND YOU TURNED HIM
INTO A WHOLE PROJECT. HE'S
NOT WORTHY OF YOU! HE'S NOT
WORTH IT!



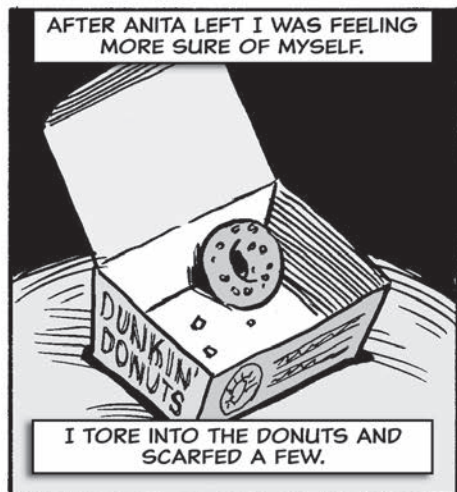
I CAN SEE THAT NOW.
I'M NOT FEELING TOO
WORTHY MYSELF.

SERIOUSLY, YOU DON'T WANT TO
MARRY HIM NOW, DO YOU?



ANITA SAT BESIDE ME
UNTIL I WAS CALM.





HIS RECEPTIONIST RECOGNIZED MY VOICE WHEN I CALLED HIS OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING...

SHE OFFERED TO TAKE A MESSAGE.

THANKS, BUT THAT'S OKAY! I'LL JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH HIS WIFE.

MY PHONE RANG BACK IN THIRTY SECONDS.

BRING ME SOME MONEY AND FOOD TODAY.

I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T--

AND SET IT UP.

A FEW HOURS LATER...

HERE'S A LIST OF SOME DO'S AND DON'T'S FOR, Y'KNOW, BEFORE AND AFTER.

I'LL PICK YOU UP MONDAY MORNING SINCE YOU WON'T BE DRIVING. I'LL COME BY FOR YOU WHEN IT'S DONE.

I'M GLAD YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND. NO REASON TO BE OVER-EMOTIONAL ABOUT IT. IT'S JUST A BLOB OF CELLS.

IT IS A GROUP OF CELLS AT THIS POINT, BUT THAT "BLOB" WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A REAL LITTLE PERSON, MADE UP OF OUR FLESH AND BLOOD... YOURS AND MINE.

BUT I'M TERRIFIED OF HAVING A BABY NOBODY WANTS. I'VE LIVED THAT LIFE AND I KNOW I'D RATHER DIE FIRST.

BUT YOU'RE STILL GONNA DO IT, RIGHT?

TO BE CONTINUED



**I use my low self-esteem to convince my
paranoia that no one would bother to talk
about me behind my back.**



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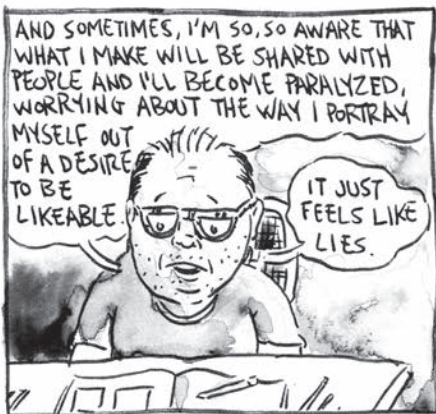
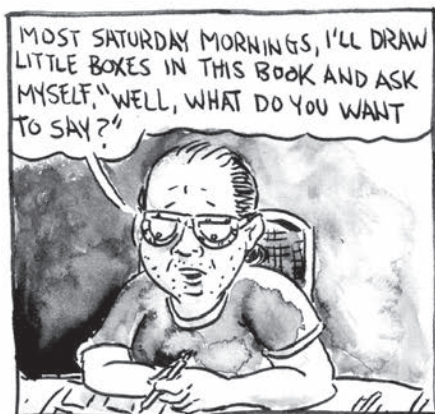


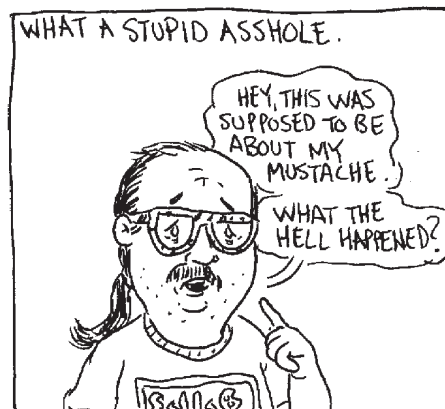
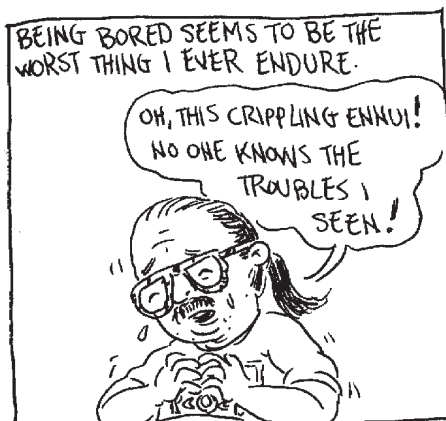
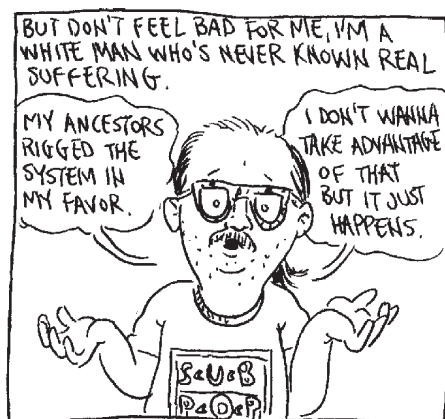
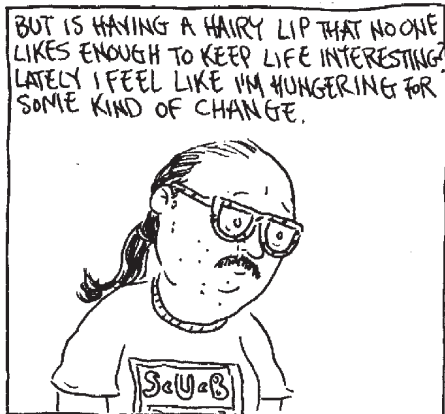
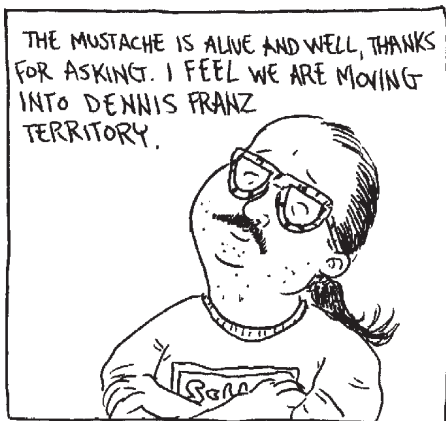
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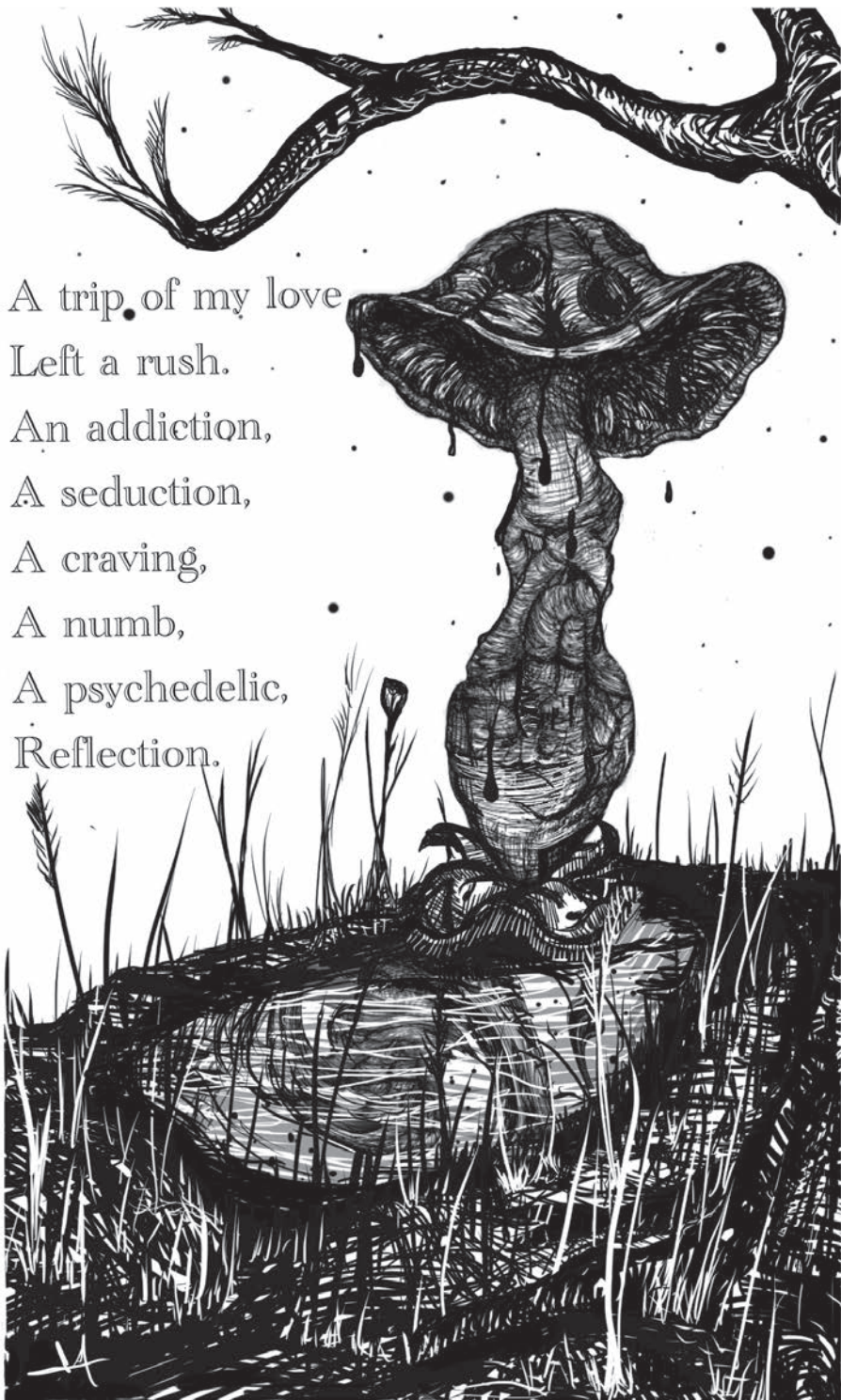
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A trip of my love
Left a rush.
An addiction,
A seduction,
A craving,
A numb,
A psychedelic,
Reflection.



By_nato X Art by Enrik

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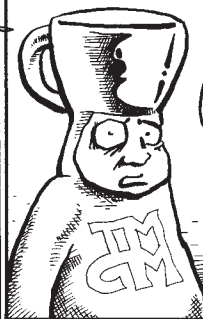
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WOULD YOU RATHER WORK RETAIL OR HAVE A NAIL DRIVEN THROUGH YOUR HAND?



WHAT KIND OF NAIL?

I'M ONLY HERE UNTIL I FIND SOMETHING BETTER.



I'M LOOKING FOR A CD, I DON'T KNOW THE NAME, I'M TONE-DEAF BUT THE MAIN SONG GOES LIKE THIS:



LA LA DEE DA-DA

IS IT OK IF I PAY IN PENNIES?



NO.

I WONDER IF THEY'LL NOTICE THAT FLY IN THEIR CHEESEBURGER.



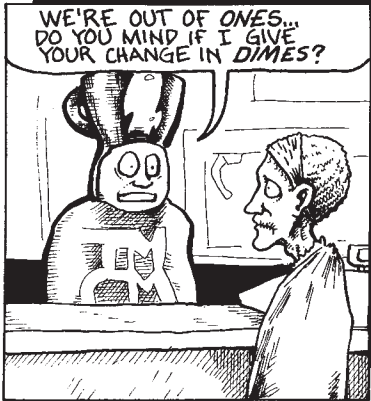
WHERE'S THAT CAPPUCCINO I ORDERED?



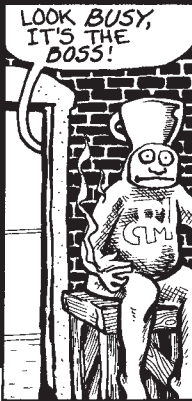
COULD I HAVE THE SECOND ONE FROM THE LEFT, TWO BACK.



WE'RE OUT OF ONES... DO YOU MIND IF I GIVE YOUR CHANGE IN DIMES?



LOOK BUSY, IT'S THE BOSS!



WELL... IT BEATS WORKING!



END

IN SEPTEMBER 2022,
NASA CONDUCTED THE
DOUBLE ASTEROID
REDIRECTION TEST
(D.A.R.T.).

GREG RUSSELL US

THIS WAS JUST A TEST. THIS
PARTICULAR ASTEROID DIDN'T
POSE A RISK TO EARTH.

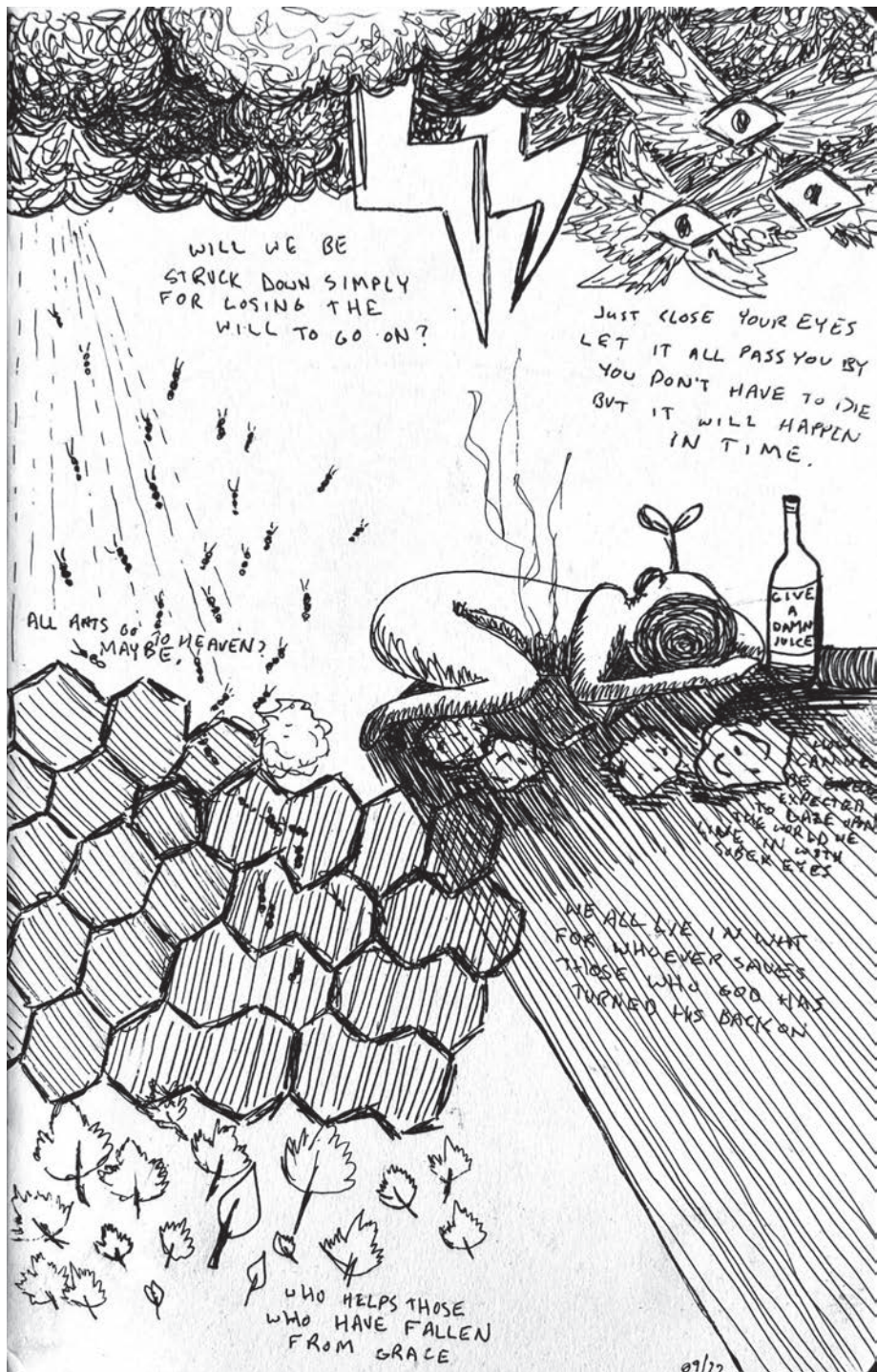
THE EXPERIMENT WAS A
RESONDING SUCCESS. THE ASTEROID
WAS NUDGED FROM ITS PATH.

THERE WAS
GREAT REJOICING.

UNFORTUNATELY...

THE END





WILL WE BE
STRUCK DOWN SIMPLY
FOR LOSING THE
WILL TO GO ON?

JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES
LET IT ALL PASS YOU BY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE
BUT IT WILL HAPPEN
IN TIME.

ALL ANTS GO
MAYBE, TO HEAVEN?

WE CAN
BE
EXPECTED
TO DARE
LIVE IN WITH
SHOCK EYES

WE ALL LIE IN WHAT
FOR WHOEVER SAVES
THOSE WHO GOD HAS
TURNED HIS BACK ON

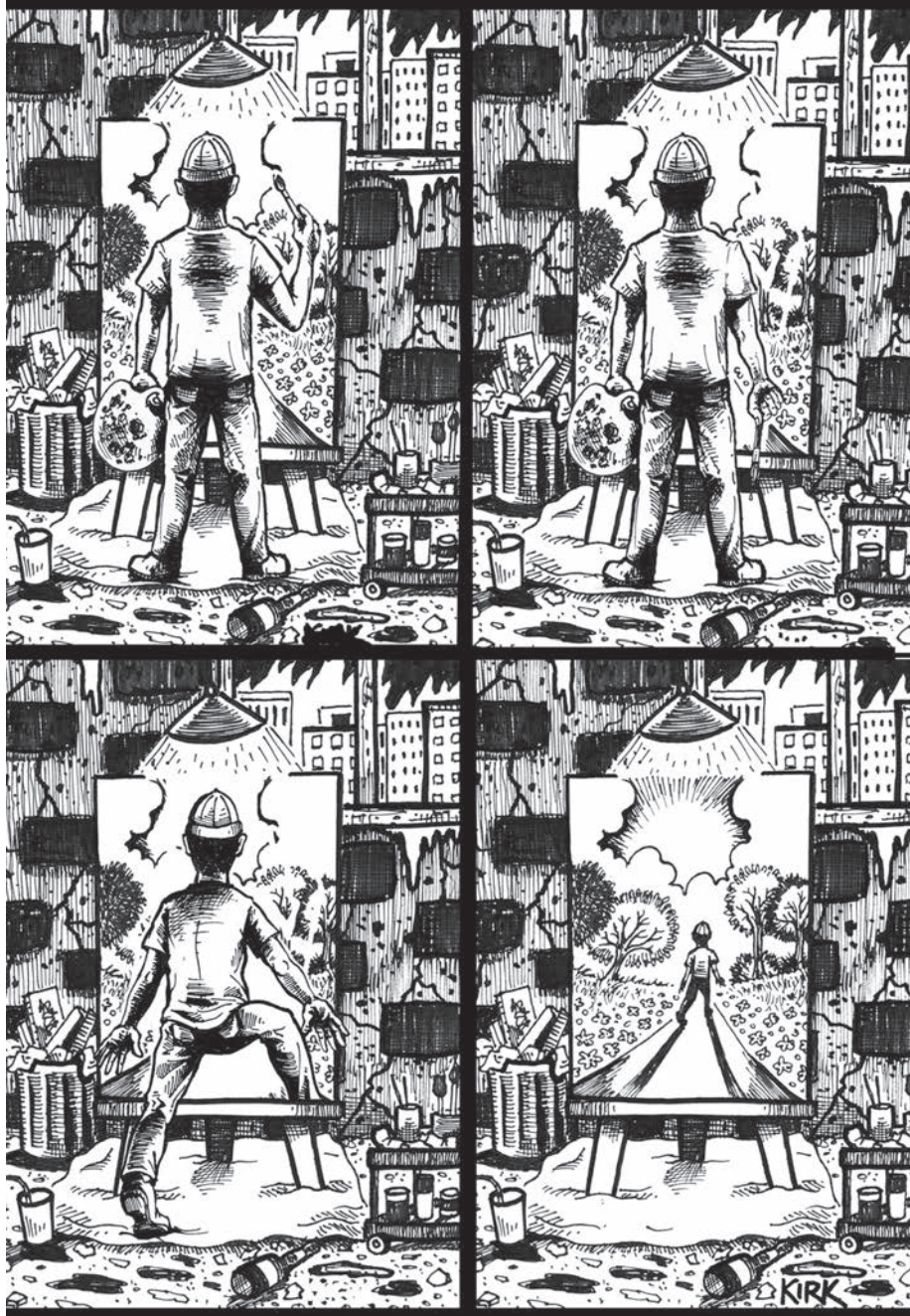
WHO HELPS THOSE
WHO HAVE FALLEN
FROM GRACE

07/22



**I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE LOOKING AT
TATTOO PHOTOS. YOU NEVER KNOW
WHERE THEY'RE PLACED.**

'The Last Painting' by Jerry Kirk





WHAT CAN BE
DONE IF THEY
WON'T SEE US
AS HUMAN?

IF I'M A
DRESSED
I WISH
PASSING
THE
PUT ME
SHARED

NUISANCE
AS A MAN,
SOMEONE
BY COULD HAVE
COURTESY TO
OUT OF OUR
MISERY.

SMOKE THE HUNGER
AWAY
DRINK THE
FEARS AWAY
PRETEND YOUR NOT
COLD AND
DIRTY.

THEY TOSS SPARE
CHANGE AND LEFT
OVER FOOD TO ALLEVIATE
THEIR SHAME WHEN
THEY
DON'T
GIVE A
DAMN
AND FEEL LIKE
THEY SHOULD

IF YOU LOOK THE
OTHER WAY BECAUSE WE
ARE HARD TO LOOK AT, BUT
DO NOT TURN YOUR HEAD TO SEE
THE SYSTEM THAT MADE US.
Kill Yourself. 😊



I don't know why
no one wants
to be my friend.



Nobody answers
my phone calls.



If they do,
they curse
me out.



Ah! Here's
someone
now!



ALL I WANT
IS A FRIEND!



Hello, friend! All I
want to know is
if your auto warranty
is up to
date
and if
you're
interested
in selling your home!



I started writing this piece in 2020 during the summer of the Black Lives Matter protests, inspired by the visual essays of Nate Powell. The final sequence asks the reader to consider that Republicans have consistently enabled and excused a man who is absolutely the kind of historical figure who nudges forward mass destructive events. We now face a world full of mini-Trumps like MTG and Florida's Ron DeSantis. May God help us all. — Tony Wolf

TODAY I WALKED TO A 9/11
MEMORIAL IN WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY.



WHERE IS EVIL?



THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BASE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

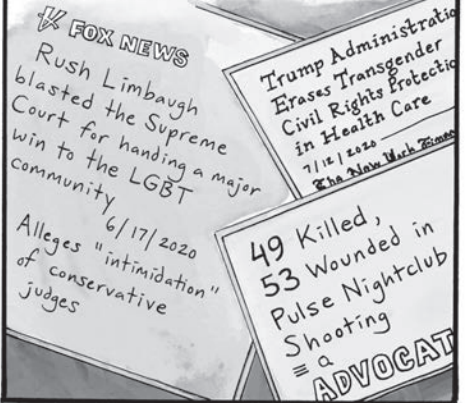
May each of us who visits here honor their spirit and their sacrifice. May their lives and deeds be an inspiration in our fight against intolerance and a guide in our journey to preserve freedom.

I LINGERED ON THE WORD "INTOLERANCE" AND ON THE PHRASE "OUR JOURNEY TO PRESERVE FREEDOM."

WE CERTAINLY FACE
TREMENDOUS DANGERS
TODAY IN PRESERVING
OUR FREEDOMS.



AS FOR INTOLERANCE, IT ONLY
SEEMS TO BE GROWING...



WHAT KIND OF TWISTED
RHETORIC COULD INCITE
SUCH VIOLENCE AND HATE?

ERIC TRUMP ON
BLACK LIVES MATTER
PROTESTERS:
6/20/2020



... when you
see these
animals
literally taking
over our
cities...

LATELY, I'VE BEEN REFLECTING
ON THE CONCEPT OF EVIL.

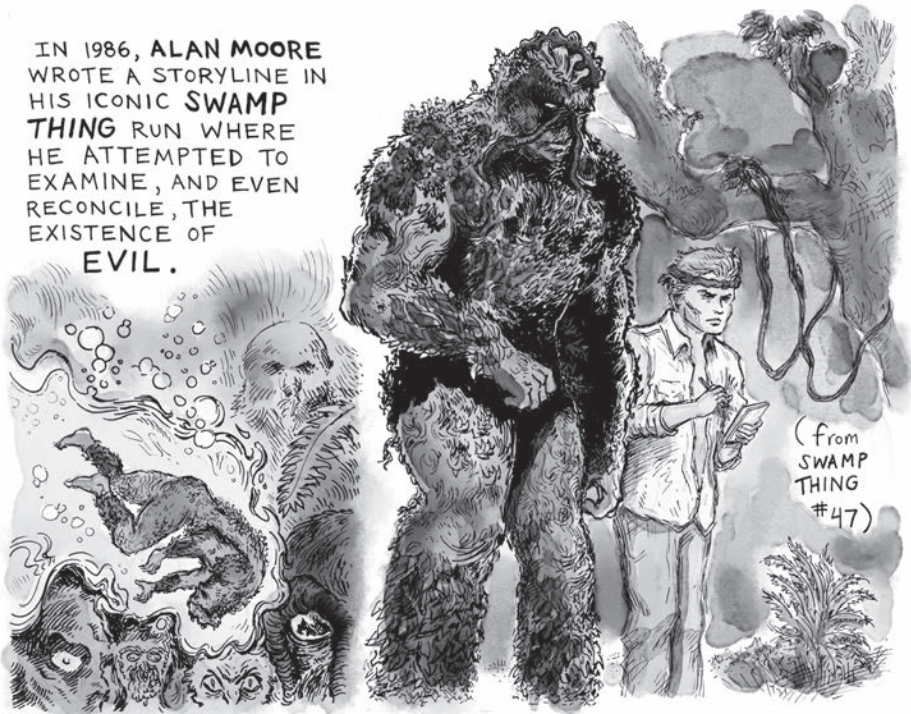
MARTIN LUTHER
KING Jr.



" The non-
violent resister
not only refuses
to shoot his
opponent, but
he also refuses
to hate him."



IN 1986, ALAN MOORE
WROTE A STORYLINE IN
HIS ICONIC **SWAMP
THING** RUN WHERE
HE ATTEMPTED TO
EXAMINE, AND EVEN
RECONCILE, THE
EXISTENCE OF
EVIL.



(from
**SWAMP
THING**
#47)

MOORE SHOWS THE COSMIC AND ANCIENT PARLIAMENT OF TREES
DISPENSING SUCH WISDOM AS:



FACED WITH AN ENTITY REPRESENTING THE INCARNATION OF EVIL AND DARKNESS, SWAMP THING ADMITS TO THE ENTITY THAT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF EVIL.



PERHAPS... PERHAPS EVIL
IS ...THE *HUMUS* FORMED BY
VIRTUE'S DECAY...

AND PERHAPS IT IS FROM THAT
DARK, **SINISTER LOAM**... THAT
VIRTUE GROWS STRONGEST?

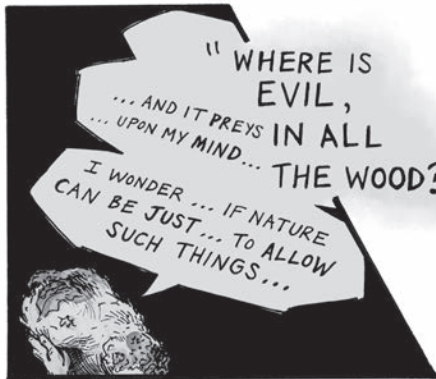
AT THE STORY'S CLIMAX, WRITER
ALAN MOORE EMPHASIZED THE
YIN/YANG DUALITY OF GOOD AND
EVIL, AS THE EMBODIED FORM
OF DARKNESS JOINED HANDS
WITH THE HAND OF PERSONIFIED
LIGHT AND LOVE.



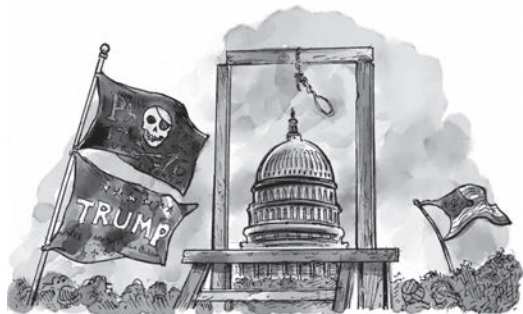
EVER SINCE
I READ THAT
STORY, THAT LINE
HAS RESONATED IN
MY HEAD.



"WHERE IS
EVIL,
... AND IT PREYS IN ALL
... UPON MY MIND... THE WOOD?"
I WONDER ... IF NATURE
CAN BE JUST ... TO ALLOW
SUCH THINGS...



HOW DIFFERENT IS THE HATRED
THAT FUELED THE 9/11 TERRORISTS
FROM THE HATRED THAT LED
INSURRECTIONISTS TO SEEK TO
ASSASSINATE ELECTED OFFICIALS
AT THE U.S. CAPITOL, LEADING
TO THE DEATHS OF FIVE PEOPLE?



IS EVIL, AT ITS CORE,
THE RESULT OF ANGER,
FEAR, AND IGNORANCE?

AND IF SO, ARE WE TO
MEET THIS EVIL WITH
ONLY FORGIVENESS?

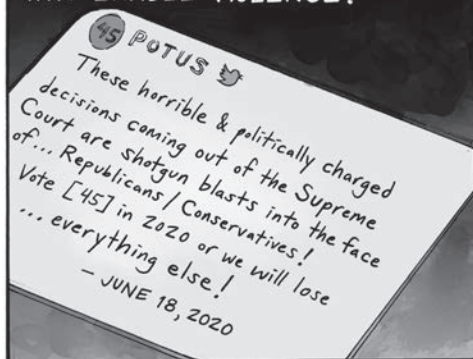


SURELY, THERE **IS** EVIL IN
ALL THE WOOD.

THERE IS EVIL IN ALL THE WORLD.
AND WE MUST STAND AGAINST IT.

Forgive them, Lord - they
know not what they do.

AND, ARE NOT THE FLAMES OF
VIOLENCE FANNED BY THOSE
WHO ENABLE VIOLENCE?



IS IT NOT ALSO EVIL
TO **ENABLE** EVIL?



BACK IN MY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSES, A COMMON THEME IN THE BOOKS WE READ WAS "MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN."



LAST YEAR, WE WATCHED AS PROPAGANDIST TUCKER CARLSON ATTEMPTED TO FOMENT CHAOS AND VIOLENCE WHEN HE SAID:

"This moment we are living through [Black Lives Matter & the movement for racial justice]..."



... it is definitely not about Black Lives, and remember that when they come for you. And at this rate, they will."

- 6/8/2020, on Fox News.

I SUPPOSE 'WITHOUT EVIL, HOW WOULD WE KNOW GOOD?' IS COLD COMFORT TO THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN HARMED BY HEARTLESS POLICIES.

WHERE IS EVIL,
IN ALL THE WOOD?



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IN ALL THE WOOD?



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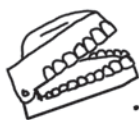
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